In the Claims:

1-21 (canceled)

22 (currently amended) A method for etching one or more of the following: TaN, TiN, Cu, FSG, TEOS, and SiN from a semiconductor body in semiconductor device processing, comprising the steps consisting essentially of:

forming a solution by combining HF with a concentration of <u>about</u> 49% with H_2O_2 with a concentration of <u>from about</u> 19% to <u>about</u> 30% in deionized water, wherein said forming a solution further <u>consisting of comprises using</u> a volume ratio <u>of from about 1 to 3 parts HF, from about 1 to 2 parts H_2O_2 and from about 10 to about 30 parts deionized water greater than 1:1:20 of HF: H_2O_2 :deionized water; and</u>

applying said solution to said semiconductor body with said solution being at at least about room temperature.

23 (canceled)

24 (currently amended) A method for etching one or more of the following: TaN, TiN, Cu, FSG, TEOS, and SiN from a semiconductor body in semiconductor device processing, comprising the steps of consisting essentially of:

forming a solution by combining HF with a concentration of <u>about</u> 49% with H_2O_2 with a concentration of <u>about</u> 29%-30% in deionized water, wherein said forming a solution further <u>consisting of emprises using</u> a volume ratio of <u>about 2 parts HF</u>, <u>about 1 part H_2O_2 and about 21 parts</u> 2:1:21 of HF: H_2O_2 :deionized water; and

applying said solution to said semiconductor body with said solution being at about room temperature.

25 (previously presented) The method of claim 22 wherein said method further comprises applying said solution in the presence of photoresist.

26. (currently amended) A method for etching one or more of the following: TaN, TiN, Cu, FSG, TEOS, and SiN from a semiconductor body in semiconductor device processing, comprising the steps of consisting essentially of:

forming a solution by combining HF with a concentration of <u>about</u> 49% with H_2O_2 with a concentration of <u>about</u> 29%-30% in deionized water wherein said forming a solution further <u>consists of comprises</u> using a volume ratio greater than <u>about 1 part HF</u>, <u>about 1 part H_2O_2 and <u>about 20 parts1:1:20 of HF:H₂O₂:deionized water</u>; and</u>

applying said solution to said semiconductor body with said solution being at a temperature of 40° C to 50° C.

27 (canceled)

28. (currently amended) A method for etching one or more of the following: TaN, TiN, Cu, FSG, TEOS, and SiN from a semiconductor body in semiconductor device processing, comprising the steps consisting essentially of:

forming a solution by combining HF with a concentration of <u>about</u> 49% with H_2O_2 with a concentration of <u>about</u> 29%-30% in deionized water wherein said forming a solution further <u>consists of emprises</u> using a volume ratio of <u>about 2 part HF, about 1</u> <u>part H_2O_2 and about 21 parts</u> 2:1:21 of HF: H_2O_2 :deionized water; and

applying said solution to said semiconductor body with said solution being at a temperature of <u>from about</u> 40°C to <u>about</u> 50°C.

- 29. (previously presented) The method of claim 26 wherein said method further comprises applying said solution in the presence of photoresist.
- 30. (previously presented) The method of claim 28 wherein said method further comprises applying said solution in the presence of photoresist.
- 31. (previously presented) The method of claim 24 wherein said method further comprises applying said solution in the presence of photoresist.